

Application No. 10/735,343
Amendment dated July 27, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

—To achieve these and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the invention, as embodied and broadly described herein, the shoe in one embodiment includes an upper having a heel region and rear sole support attached to the heel region of the upper. The rear sole support includes a base, a first wall extending downwardly from the base and having a first groove, and a second downwardly extending wall opposite the first wall and having a second groove facing the first groove. A rear sole is detachably secured to the rear sole support with a mounting member attached to the rear sole and including at least one rim for engaging the first and second grooves. A locking member engages the rear sole support and one of the rear sole and mounting member to prevent rotation of the rear sole relative to the rear sole support during use.—

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

—In some conventional shoes, the forward sole (simply referred to in the industry as a "sole") would extend from the forefoot region to the rear edge of the heel. In other conventional models, portions of the outsole and/or midsole are reduced or eliminated in certain non-stress areas, such as the arch area, to reduce weight. However, in a radical departure from conventional shoes, the shoe in an embodiment of the present invention incorporates a heel structure, including a detachable rear sole, that significantly alleviates heel wear problems associated with conventional soles and provides enhanced cushioning and/or spring. —